To the Honorable H.A.W.Skeen,Judge of the Circuit Court of Lee County Virginia:

Humbly complaining,your Complainant Mollie Howard would respectfully represent,and show unto your honor,that about 28 years ago she was married to one John L.Howard in the State of Kentucky;that she has resided in Lee County Virginia , for the past Six years and now resides in this County,where your complainant and her said Husband last lived and co-habited together;that she has borne for her said husband Six children some of them grown and married;that she has always been to her said husband a kind ,loving and dutiful wife,but within the last twelve months before the institution of this suit,your complainant alleges that her said husband,has become enamered with a common prostitute ,one Esther Wilson,and has committed divers acts of adultery ,with said woman,without your complainats procurement or connivance;that her said husband took said woman and left the State of Va. and went to the State of Kansas . and lived a short time in adultery,and then returned to Virginia.

Your complainanty has been so distressed with the disgraceful conduct of her said husband that she has been completely protrated physically and nervously ever since;and she avers that she has not lived with,nor cohabited,with her said husband since she has had knowledge of his adultery.Your complainant had to leave her home and go to stay with one of her brothers to get Medical attention,and while away her said husband attempted move the said prostitute in to a house on your Com plainants own land,and your complainants son refused to let her move in,when the said John L.Howard made his son leave home. Your Complainant alleges that the home is her and is deeded to her,and contains _____acres,;that her said husband has some money and considerable personal property. Your complainant ~~h~~ alleges that she ought to be divorced from her said husband a vinculo Matrimonii;that her said husband should be compelled to pay her suit money,but she does not ask for alimony; but

she alleges that the said John L.Howard should be enjoined and restrained from disposing of any of the household and kitchen furniture ,and any of the personal property necessary for the use of the home;that he should also be enjoined from in any way interfering with your complainants use and enjoyment of her said land ,house and home ,and molesting her said children.

In tender consideration of which ,and for asmuch as your complainant is remediless save in a court of equity,she prays that the said John L.Howard may be made a party to this suit and answer the same but not on oath,that being waived;that he be compelled to pay her fifty dollars suit money as ,she has no money to prosecute this suit;that he be enjoined and restrained from in any way interfering with your complainant in the enjoyment and use of her said land and home and from the custody and control of the infant children,and from in any way disposing of the household and kitchen furniture , and from coming about your said complainant or her said children and abusing them and driving them from their said home; that your honor grant your complainant a divorce a vinculo vMatrimonii.and for all other relief generally that the nature of her case may require or to equity seem meet and your complainant will ever pray and &c.

M. G. Ely — P.Q.

Virginia,Lee County to wit:

I,M.G.Ely a commissioner in chancery for the Circuit Court of Lee County do certify that L.B.Howard personally appeared before me and made oath that the allegations made in the foregoing bill are true. Given under my hand this the 18' day of September 1908.

M. G. Ely.
Commissioner in Chancery.

Costs:
Clerk, $4.82
Atty. 15.00
Shff. .50
Tax 1.50
$21.82

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Mollie Howard
vs. } Bill in Chancery
John L. Howard

Filed Sept 22, 1908.
1908 1st Oct Rules
Bill filed, Spa.
executed
" 2nd Oct. Rules
Cause set for hearing.

Mollie Howard Plaintiff.
against } In Chancery -
John L. Howard, Defendant.

This cause, on motion of the plaintiff is dismissed and stricken from the docket -

Mollie Howard
vs } } Decree Final
John L. Howard

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Enter this

H A Wilson

Dec-9th 1908

Mollie Howard, Plaintiff,

Against) In Chancery,

John L. Howard, Defendant.

This cause came on this day to be heard in vacation at BigStone Gap, on a motion by the Complainant for suit money and an injunction, and was heard upon the bill of complainant verified by affidavit and was argued by counsel for the complainant;

On consideration of which, the court doth order and decr that the defendant John L. Howard pay to the Complainant for suit money the sum of ~~fifty~~ twenty five dollars for which execution may issue; and the defendant John L. Howard is enjoined and restr-ained from in any way interfering with the complainant, or going about her or molesting her in any way in the enjoyment of he land home or premises, and from disposing of the household and kitchen furniture, and any other property alowed by personal property exemption for the benefit of the family.

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lee County.

H. A. W. Skeen

Judge.

Mollie Howard
vs. ⸗⸗ Decree —
John L. Howard

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